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SUBJECT: 1974 NATIONAL FDP PARTY CONGRESS

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1. WE HAVE NOTED WITH CONCERN FDP CHAIRMAN LUEDER'S DISCUSSION WITH SOVIETS, AIMED AT OBTAINING SOVIET TACIT OR OVERT AGREEMENT, TO PROPOSAL TO HOLD 1974 FDP PARTY CONGRESS IN WEST BERLIN (PARA 2, REFTEL). WHILE WE OBVIOUSLY CANNOT HALT ALL SUCH INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS, IMPLICATIONS FOR WEST BERLIN FUTURE OF THIS KIND OF DIRECT DEALING BETWEEN GERMAN POLITICAL LEADERS AND SOVIETS CANNOT BE LIGHTLY DISMISSED. THROUGH SUCH ACTIONS SOVIETS CAN EXERCISE THROUGH BACK DOOR DECISION MAKING ROLE IN WESTERN SECTORS HITHERTO RESERVED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THREE POWERS.

2. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT MATTER SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH FRENCH AND BRITISH IN BERLIN, AND OUR JOINT
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OBJECTIONS REGISTERED WITH LUEDERS DIRECTLY. WE WOULD ALSO FAVOR MENTIONING MATTER IN BONN GROUP SO THAT SOME

WORD OF OUR DISPLEASURE WOULD REACH FDP LEADER SCHEEL. RUSH

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